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UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES BY 10,000

According to data gathered through the February Current Population Survey (CPS) the number of unemployed Pennsylvania residents (not adjusted for seasonality) declined by 10,000 since January. At 349,000 in February, the state's most current jobless volume also represents a substantial reduction over the year. In February 1986 there were 453,000 Pennsylvanians out of work and seeking employment. Reflecting the latest monthly downturn in total unemployment, the jobless rate (not seasonally adjusted) dropped 0.1 percentage point to 6.4 percent in February. This most recent figure represents the eighth consecutive month that the Commonwealth's unadjusted rate has remained below 7 percent.

On a seasonally adjusted basis unemployment among Pennsylvania residents declined by 37,000 over the month to a February count of 306,000. With the exception of December 1986's jobless figure of 299,000 the Commonwealth's seasonally adjusted volume of unemployment has not been lower since October 1974 when 288,000 residents were unemployed. Last year at this time unemployment stood at 407,000. Following this downturn in jobless volume, the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment moved to 5.5 percent in February, down from January's rate of 6.1 percent. This marks the second time in the past three months that the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment was below 6.0 percent. While decreasing unemployment is indeed welcome, this month's contracting rate is more the result of a reduction in the state civilian labor force than an indication of expanding employment opportunities. During February one year ago 7.2 percent of Pennsylvania's civilian labor force were without jobs. Of special note is the fact that February's jobless rate is 1.2 percentage points below the U.S. rate of 6.7 percent and marks the ninth consecutive month that the state rate was below that of the nation.

Pennsylvania's resident employment not seasonally adjusted, fell to 5,078,000. Despite an over-the-month drop of 53,000, employment throughout the Commonwealth was 19,000 above the level in February 1986.

Resident employment, adjusted for seasonal influences, declined by 12,000 during February from the January level of 5,267,000. The current total of 5,255,000, however, represents 19,000 more Pennsylvanians working this February than were employed one year ago.

TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY JOBS UP 500

Total nonagricultural wage and salary workers increased in February to 4,759,200, a rise of 500 jobs. Total manufacturing, expanding in February by 3,400 jobs, was given a much welcomed boost with the contract settlement involving union members within the primary metals industry. Due primarily to this development the primary metals industry line increased employment by 3,600 since January. Within manufacturing, durable goods industries were responsible for 2,600 of the job gains while nondurables increased by 800. Leather and leather products posted the largest gain (+800) within the nondurable goods line. Over the year manufacturing employment decreased by 28,800 jobs.

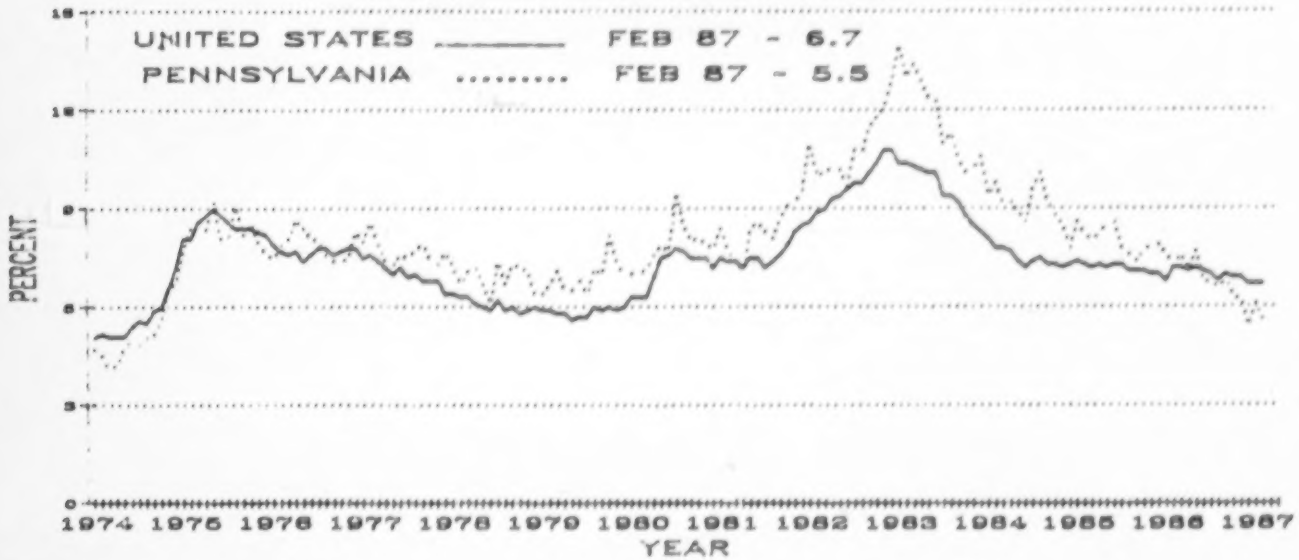
Nonmanufacturing industries gained a net 2,900 jobs over the month in a departure from seasonal patterns. Government alone added 12,400 with the major portion of these increases in state and local education as student job holders began their work duties upon returning from the December-January break. Many of these gains in education were offset by declines in retail trade where payrolls receded by 10,700 over the month. Much of this downturn was caused by the termination of January sales and inventory work.

Average weekly earnings for manufacturing industries rose in February to $400.32, a gain of 82 cents. Over the year average weekly earnings have expanded by $15.99. Average hourly earnings inched forward, to $9.86 per hour, up 2 cents from the previous month's figure . Average weekly hours of employes remained stable at 40.6 hours.

TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA
(All Persons in Thousands)

RESIDENT DATA*	FEBRUARY 1987	JANUARY 1987	FEBRUARY 1986	NET CHANGE FROM: JANUARY 1987	NET CHANGE FROM: FEBRUARY 1986
UNADJUSTED DATA					
Civilian Labor Force	5,427	5,490	5,511	-63.0	-84.0
Employment	5,078	5,131	5,059	-53.0	19.0
Unemployment	349	359	453	-10.0	-104.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	6.5	8.2	-0.1	-1.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA					
Civilian Labor Force	5,561	5,610	5,643	-49.0	-82.0
Employment	5,255	5,267	5,236	-12.0	19.0
Unemployment	306	343	407	-37.0	-101.0
Unemployment Rate(%)	5.5	6.1	7.2	-0.6	-1.7

UNITED STATES & PENNSYLVANIA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
(SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



FOOTNOTES:

P/ Data are preliminary and subject to revision.
Resident Data are workers by place of residence. They include wage and salary workers, self-employed and unpaid family workers and persons involved in labor managements disputes.
Establishment Data are estimates of jobs by place of work. Persons involved in labor management disputes are not included in industry line detail but are included in nonagricultural wage and salary totals.
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment data in this release have been revised to first quarter 1985 benchmarks and are, therefore, not strictly comparable with figures published prior to March 1986.
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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT
MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRY DETAIL
PENNSYLVANIA: FEBRUARY 1987, JANUARY 1987, FEBRUARY 1986
(Employment in Thousands)

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	FEBRUARY 1987 P/	JANUARY 1987	FEBRUARY 1986	(--NET CHANGE--) FROM JANUARY 1987	FROM FEBRUARY 1986
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY	4,759.2	4,758.7	4,673.5	0.5	85.2
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	1,028.3	1,024.9	1,053.7	3.4	-28.8
DURABLE GOODS INDUSTRIES	580.6	578.0	602.2	2.6	-24.2
LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS	26.9	27.5	23.8	-0.6	3.7
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	20.2	20.2	20.8	0.0	-0.6
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS	45.7	45.7	45.6	0.0	0.1
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	85.3 *	81.7	96.3	3.6	-14.6
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	89.1	89.8	90.2	-0.7	-0.4
MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	102.7	103.2	108.3	-0.5	-5.1
ELECTRIC & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	96.0	96.0	99.9	0.0	-3.9
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	58.9	58.7	60.5	0.2	-1.8
INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	35.2	35.2	36.5	0.0	-1.3
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES	20.6	20.0	20.3	0.6	-0.3
NONDURABLE GOODS INDUSTRIES	447.7	446.9	451.5	0.8	-4.6
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	90.2	90.8	88.7	-0.6	2.1
TOBACCO MANUFACTURES	0.9	1.0	2.2	-0.1	-1.2
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	30.3	30.1	30.0	0.2	0.1
APPAREL AND OTHER TEXTILE PRODS.	89.7	89.4	95.5	0.3	-6.1
PAPER AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	40.2	40.2	40.4	0.0	-0.2
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	81.0	80.8	76.9	0.2	3.9
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	57.9	57.8	58.5	0.1	-0.7
PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS	10.1	10.0	10.7	0.1	-0.7
RUBBER AND PLASTICS PRODUCTS	37.5	37.4	37.8	0.1	-0.4
LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	9.9	9.4	10.8	0.5	-1.4
NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	3,727.7	3,724.8	3,618.4	2.9	106.4
MINING	30.8	31.4	33.5	-0.6	-2.1
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	174.6	182.2	160.0	-7.6	22.2
TRANSPORTATION	135.6	135.5	135.7	0.1	-0.2
PUBLIC UTILITIES	103.8	103.4	101.3	0.4	2.1
COMMUNICATIONS	50.1	49.6	47.2	0.5	2.4
ELECTRIC, GAS AND SANITARY	53.7	53.8	52.8	-0.1	1.0
WHOLESALE TRADE	263.8	263.2	254.2	0.6	9.0
RETAIL TRADE	823.1	833.8	798.2	-10.7	35.6
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	123.9	129.4	119.2	-5.5	10.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	280.8	280.5	267.9	0.3	12.6
BANKING	88.3	88.4	85.5	-0.1	2.9
INSURANCE CARRIERS	81.6	81.1	77.2	0.5	3.9
SERVICES AND MISCELLANEOUS	1,230.8	1,222.8	1,179.7	8.0	43.1
BUSINESS SERVICES	204.1	204.1	190.7	0.0	13.4
HEALTH SERVICES	408.7	408.4	392.4	0.3	16.0
HOSPITALS	224.7	224.4	219.0	0.3	5.4
LEGAL SERVICES	35.5	35.7	32.7	-0.2	3.0
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	150.4	142.8	146.6	7.6	-3.8
SOCIAL SERVICES	80.2	79.7	74.2	0.5	5.5
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	58.2	58.4	54.9	-0.2	3.5
GOVERNMENT	684.4	672.0	687.9	12.4	-15.9
FEDERAL	138.0	137.4	139.5	0.6	-2.1
STATE	152.0	143.8	153.0	8.2	-9.2
LOCAL	394.4	390.8	395.4	3.6	-4.6
PERSONS IN LABOR-MGMT. DISPUTES	3.2	9.0	2.0	-5.8	7.0

P/= Preliminary data; subject to revision.
* = Increase primarily due to settlement of labor-management dispute.

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND WEEKLY HOURS
MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRY DETAIL
PENNSYLVANIA: FEBRUARY 1987, JANUARY 1987 AND FEBRUARY 1986
(Production Worker Averages)

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	FEBRUARY 1987 P/	JANUARY 1987	FEBRUARY 1986	FEBRUARY 1987 P/	JANUARY 1987	FEBRUARY 1986	FEBRUARY 1987 P/	JANUARY 1987	FEBRUARY 1986
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	400.32	399.50	385.31	40.6	40.6	39.6	9.86	9.84	9.73
DURABLE GOODS	440.54	439.10	427.11	41.6	41.7	40.6	10.59	10.53	10.52
LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS	347.36	348.99	293.68	41.8	42.2	37.7	8.31	8.27	7.79
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	352.41	346.63	322.49	40.6	40.4	38.3	8.68	8.58	8.42
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODS.	433.82	429.42	421.48	42.2	42.1	41.2	10.28	10.20	10.23
PRIMARY METALS	*	*	520.83	*	*	41.5	*	*	12.55
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	439.63	440.24	410.66	42.6	42.7	40.7	10.32	10.31	10.09
NONELECTRICAL MACHINERY	453.36	448.45	435.99	41.9	41.6	40.9	10.82	10.78	10.66
ELECTRIC AND ELECTRONIC MACH.	411.86	404.50	395.20	40.9	40.9	40.7	10.07	9.89	9.71
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	469.62	487.81	455.90	39.9	41.2	39.2	11.77	11.84	11.63
INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED PROD.	414.28	408.85	414.24	40.3	40.4	41.8	10.28	10.12	9.91
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES	407.34	415.07	381.78	43.8	43.6	40.4	9.30	9.52	9.45
NONDURABLE GOODS	350.56	350.84	331.68	39.3	39.2	38.3	8.92	8.95	8.66
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	386.97	383.90	373.58	40.1	39.7	39.7	9.65	9.67	9.41
TOBACCO PRODUCTS	248.86	255.84	239.77	40.4	41.0	39.5	6.16	6.24	6.07
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	277.41	276.50	258.82	39.8	39.5	38.4	6.97	7.00	6.74
APPAREL AND RELATED PRODUCTS	208.03	205.77	195.47	35.2	34.7	33.3	5.91	5.93	5.87
PAPER PRODUCTS	456.13	466.48	441.44	43.4	44.3	42.9	10.51	10.53	10.29
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	418.94	426.66	396.54	39.3	39.8	38.8	10.66	10.72	10.22
CHEMICAL AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	490.23	492.57	463.09	41.9	42.1	41.2	11.70	11.70	11.24
PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS	618.36	586.39	553.93	43.7	42.4	41.4	14.15	13.83	13.38
RUBBER AND PLASTICS PRODUCTS	375.16	370.86	349.70	42.2	42.0	40.9	8.89	8.83	8.55
LEATHER PRODUCTS	214.07	219.62	206.13	36.1	36.3	36.1	5.93	6.05	5.71
SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES:									
ANTHRACITE COAL MINING	388.88	374.60	408.85	32.9	33.9	36.9	11.82	11.05	11.08
BITUMINOUS COAL MINING	654.16	643.97	524.08	42.7	42.2	35.7	15.32	15.26	14.68
COMMUNICATIONS	531.20	543.11	521.38	40.0	40.5	39.8	13.28	13.41	13.10
ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY	629.40	622.43	586.28	42.7	42.4	42.3	14.74	14.68	13.86
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	171.35	169.61	165.27	26.9	27.4	26.7	6.37	6.19	6.19

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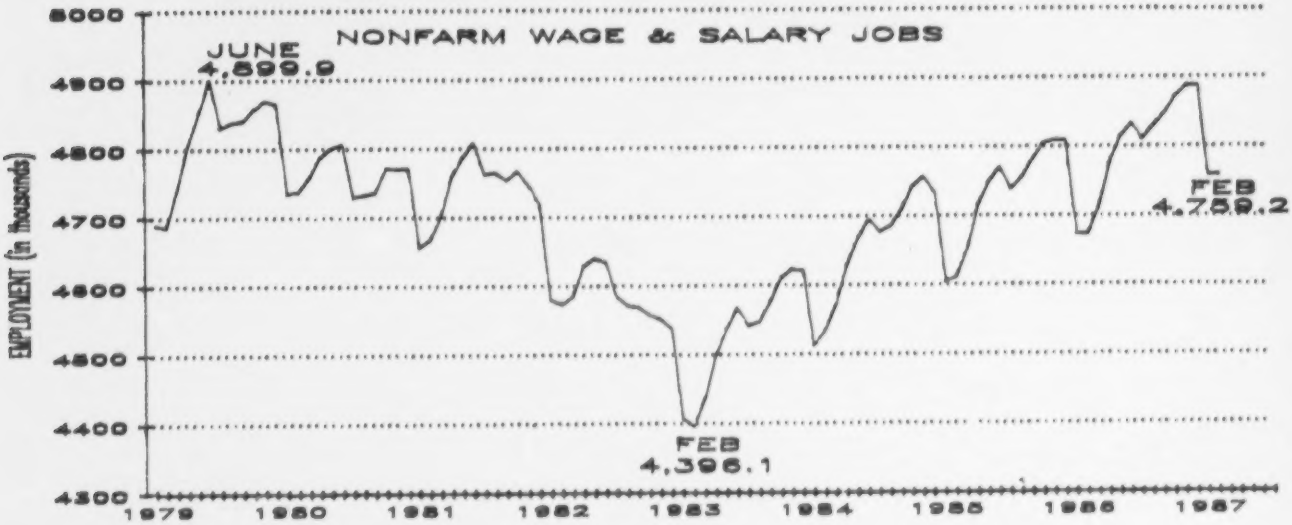

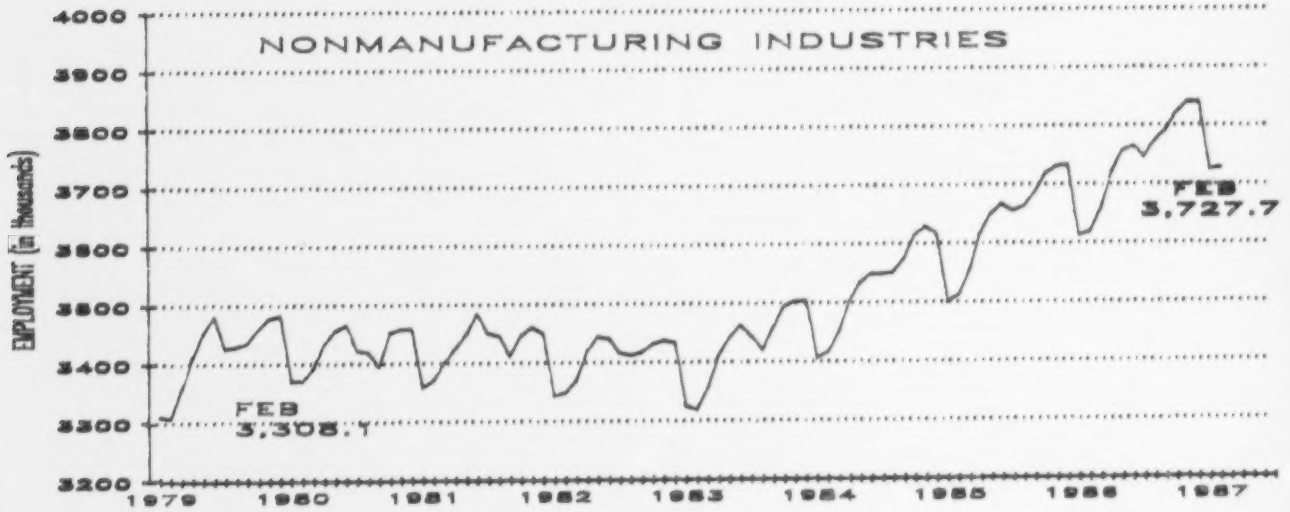

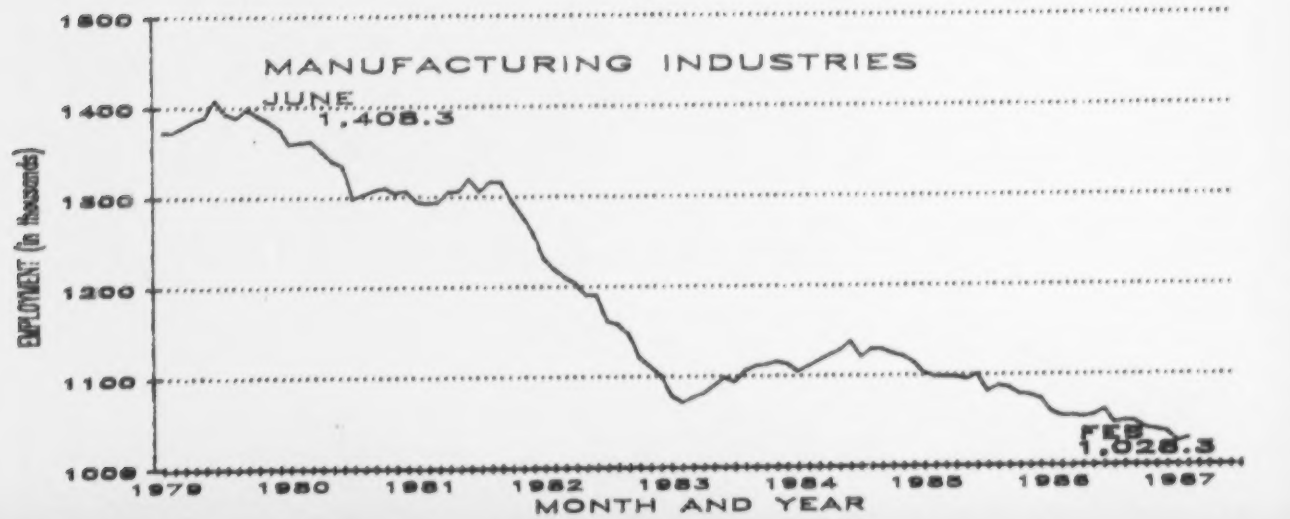

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